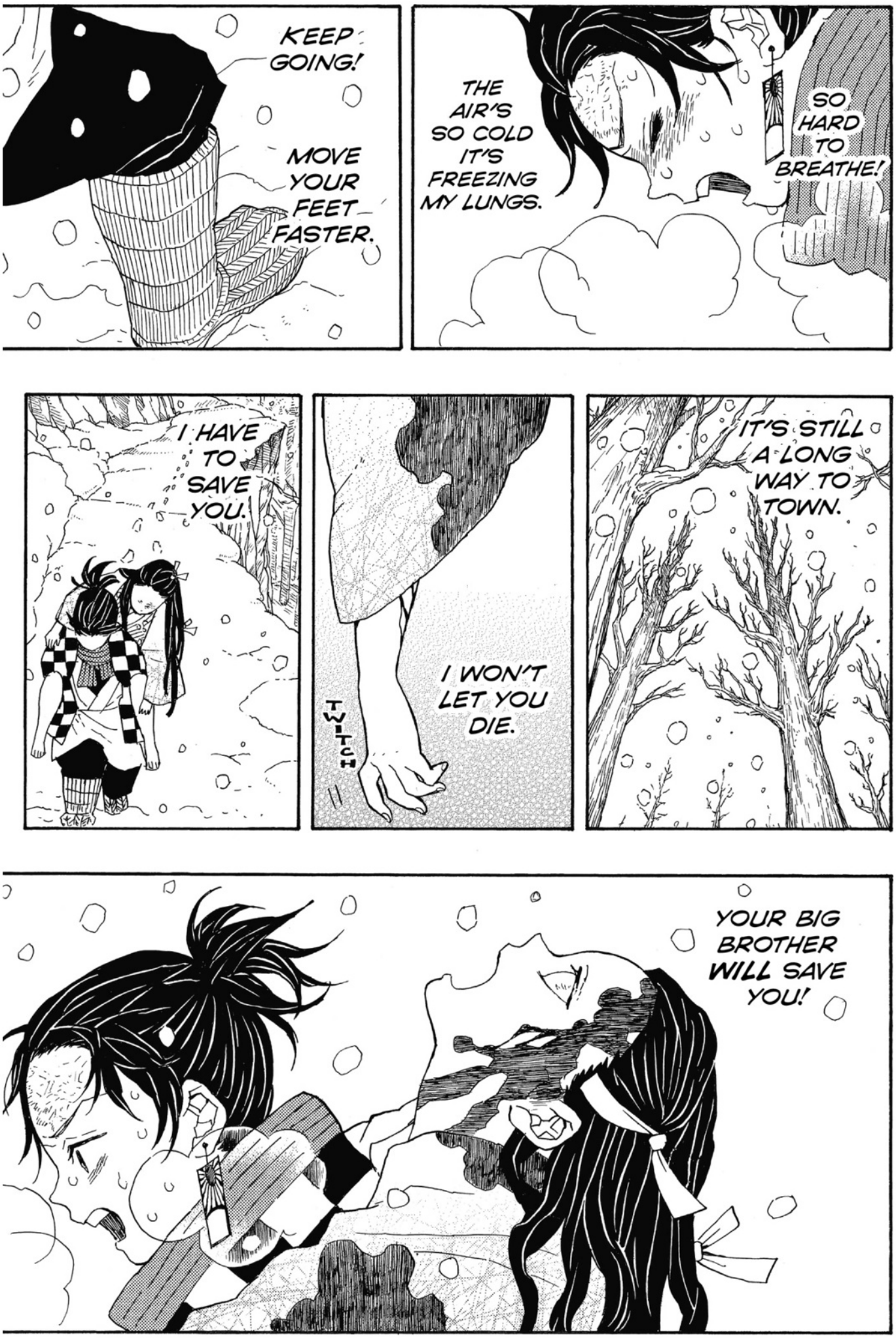
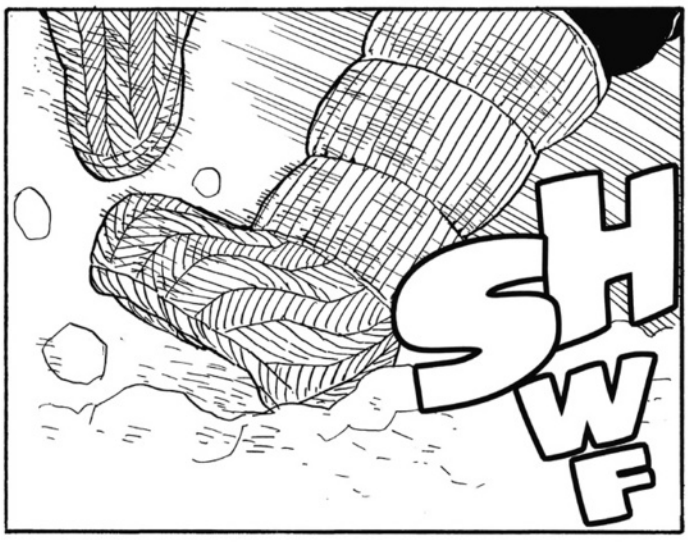

KEEP GOING!
MOVE YOUR FEET— FASTER.
THE AIR'S SO COLD IT'S FREEZING MY LUNGS.
SO HARD TO BREATHE!
I HAVE TO SAVE YOU.
TWITCH
I WON'T LET YOU DIE.
IT'S STILL A LONG WAY TO TOWN.
YOUR BIG BROTHER WILL SAVE YOU!

AAAAH!
GRRRAA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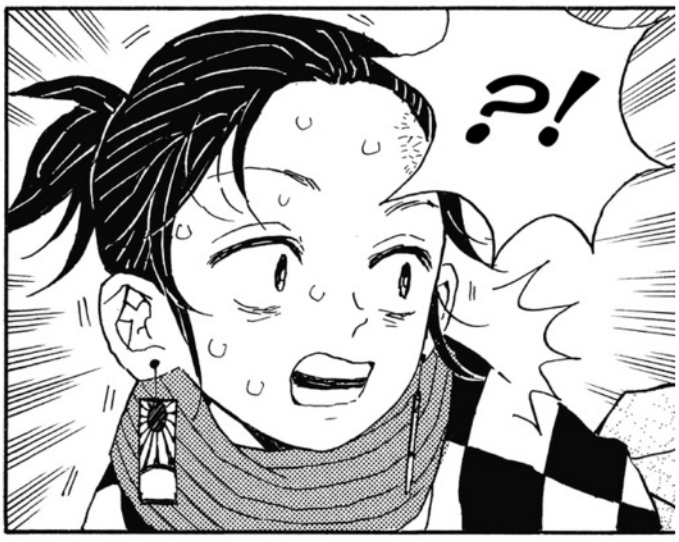
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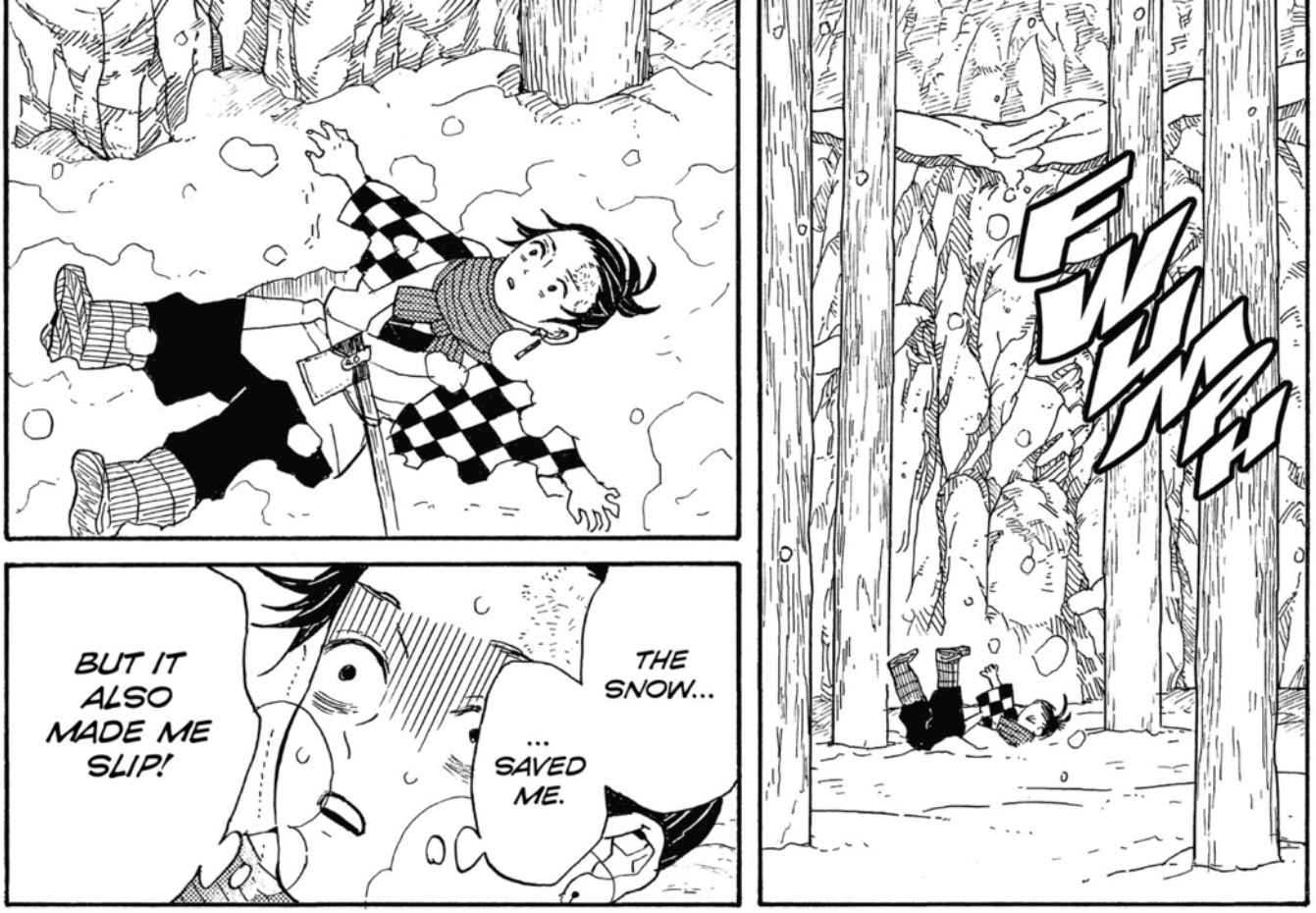
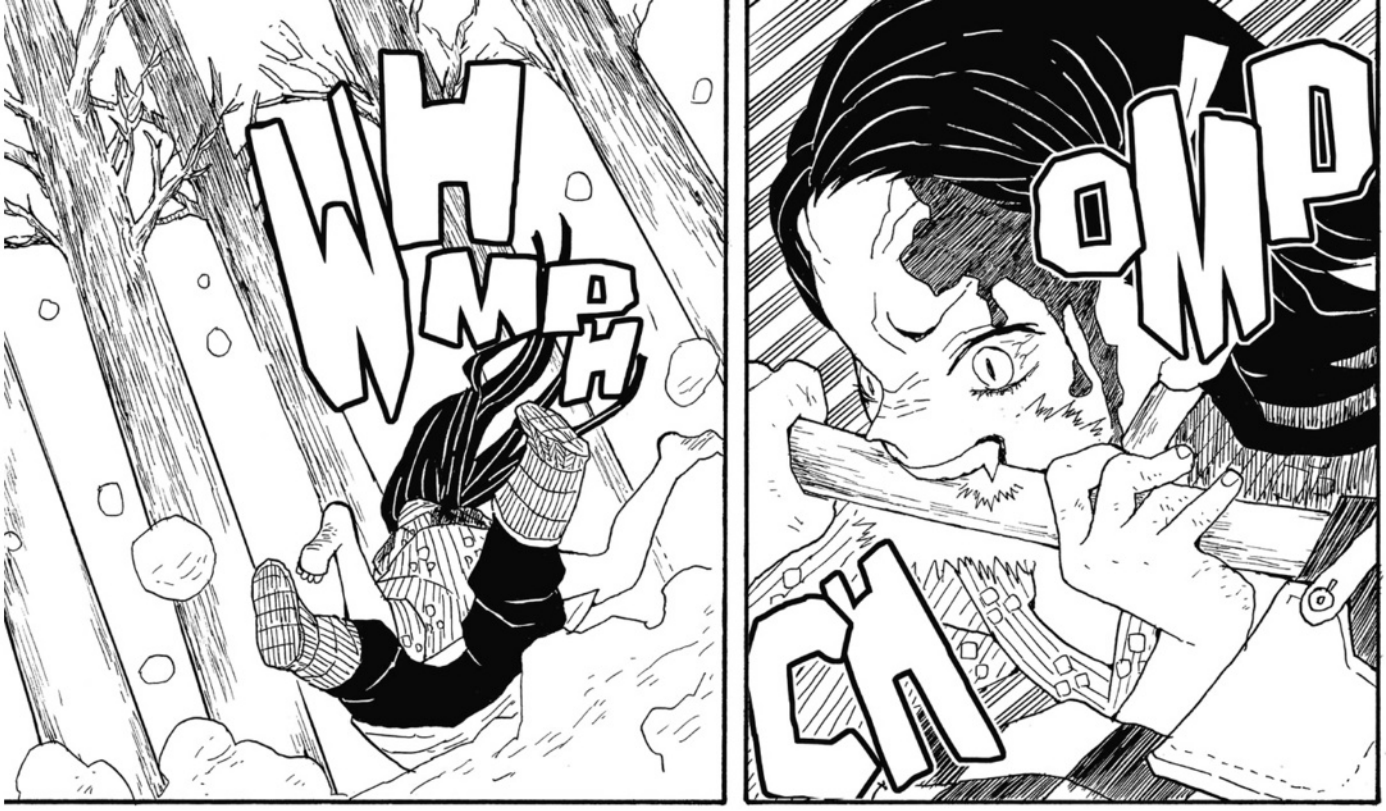
WHIP

I'M SLIP—
OH NO!


FWUMP
THE SNOW...
...SAVED ME.
BUT IT ALSO MADE ME SLIP!

SHWF
NEZUKO!
!!

YOU SHOULDN'T BE UP!
LET ME...
...CARRY YOU INTO TOWN!
NEZUKO!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
SHF
NEZUKO ...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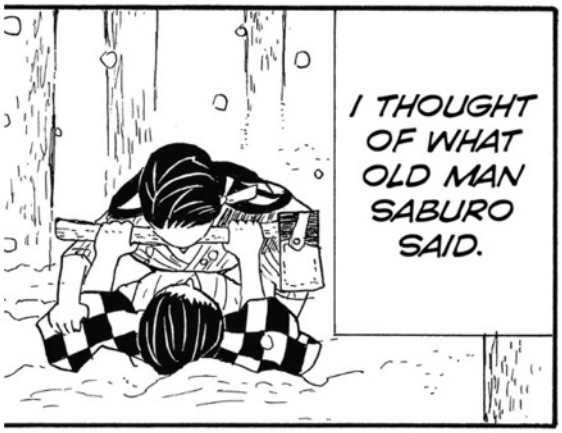
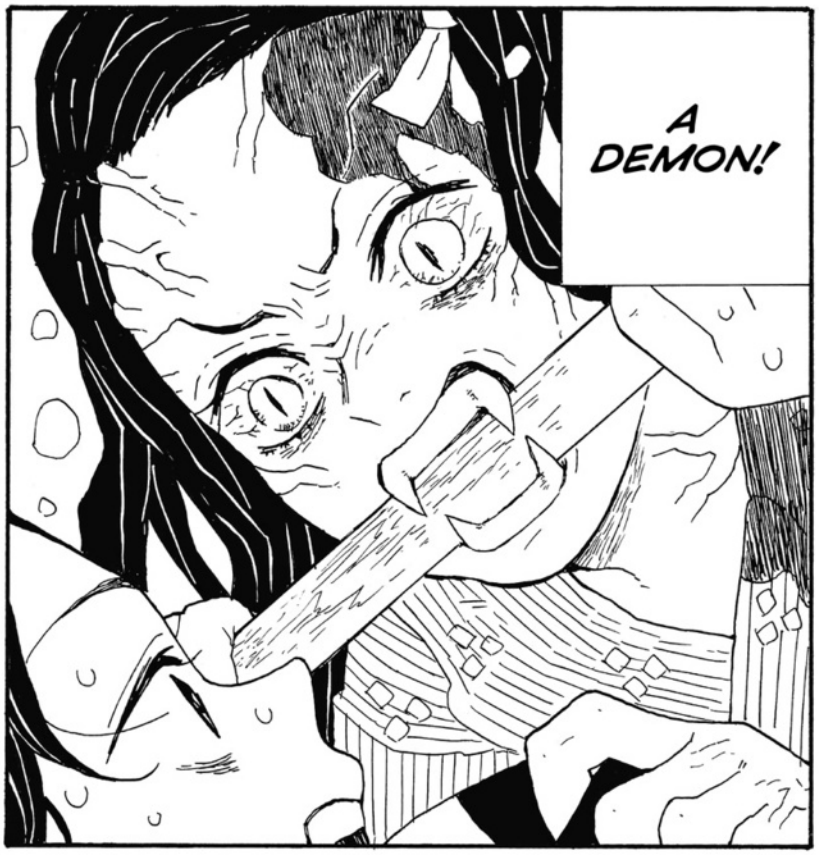
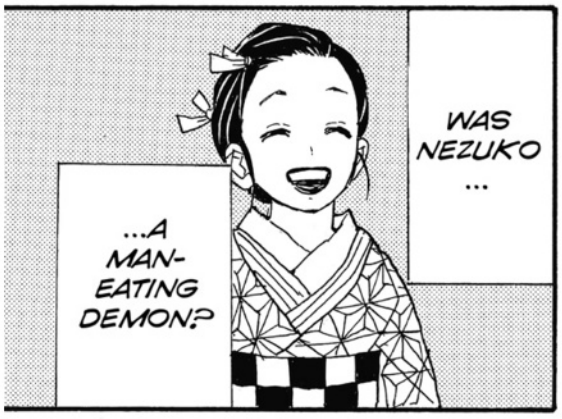
OMP
CH

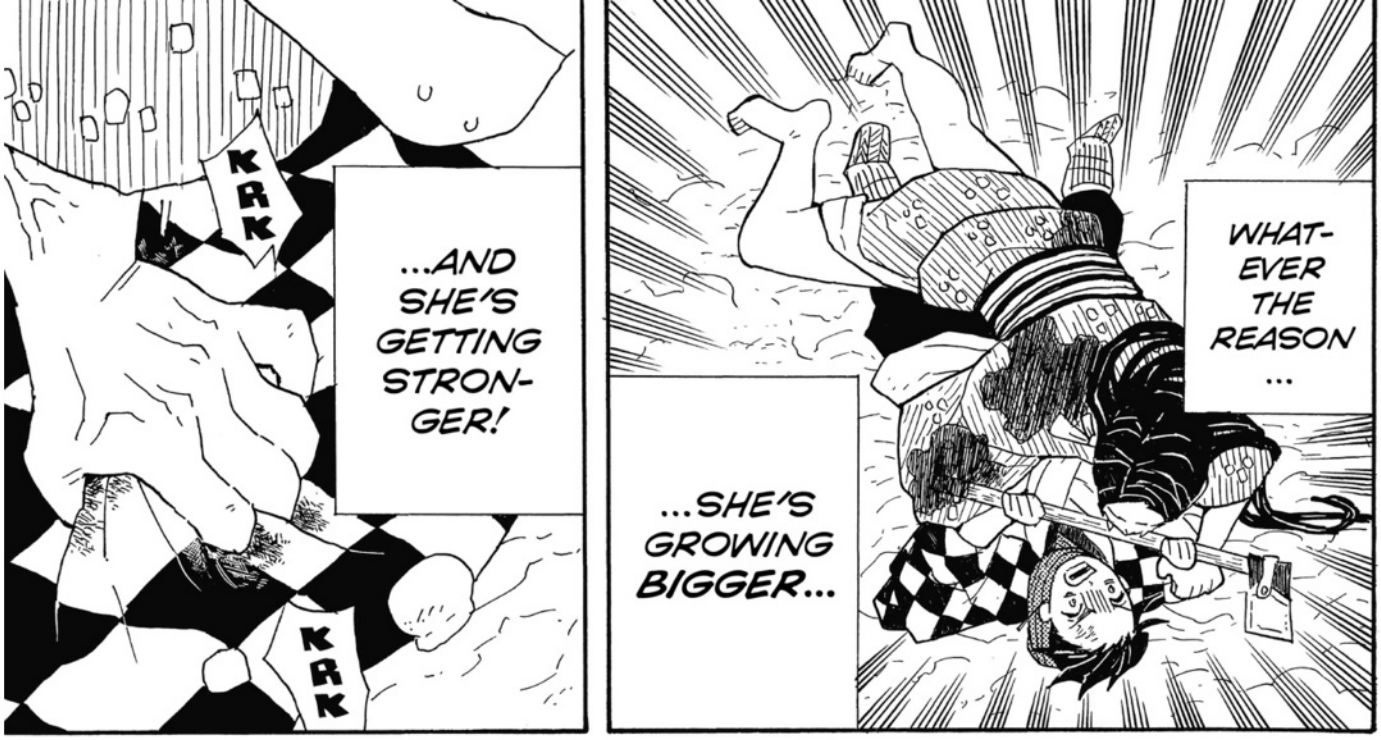

I THOUGHT OF WHAT OLD MAN SABURO SAID.


A DEMON!


WAS NEZUKO ...
...A MAN-EATING DEMON?

NEZUKO HAS BEEN HUMAN...
...SINCE THE DAY SHE WAS BORN.
NO, THAT WAS IM-POSSIBLE.

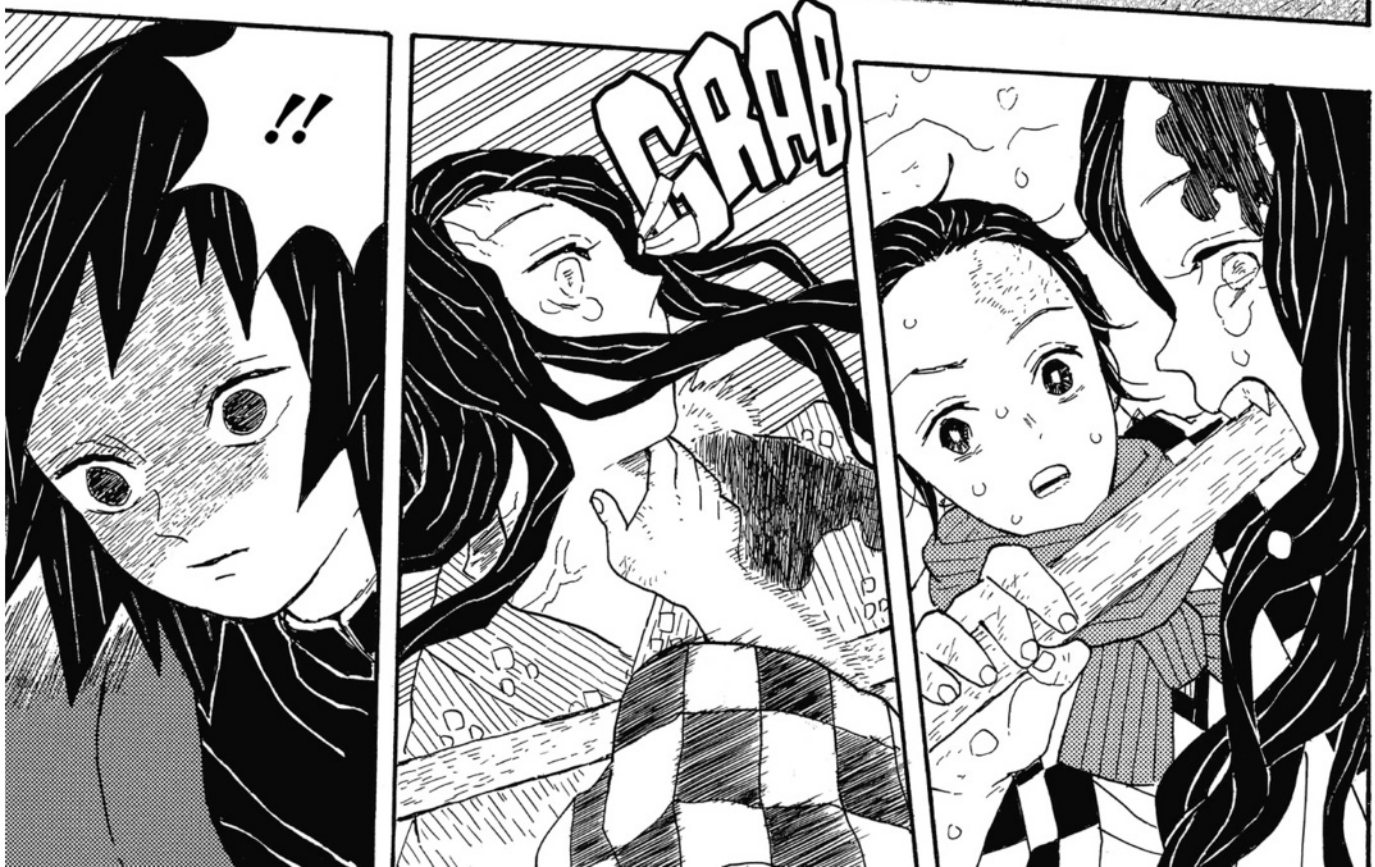
...FALLEN OVER ROKUTA, LIKE SHE WAS PROTECT-ING HIM.
BUT NEZUKO COULDN'T HAVE DONE ALL THAT. I FOUND HER...
BUT THIS NEZUKO ...
...SMELLS OF BLOOD AND DEATH.
WHOOMP
SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANY BLOOD ON HER MOUTH OR HANDS.
AND THERE'S YET...
SKRR?!
SHFF
SKRK
...AN-OTHER SMELL...


KRK
...AND SHE'S GETTING STRONGER!
KRK
WHATEVER THE REASON ...
...SHE'S GROWING BIGGER...

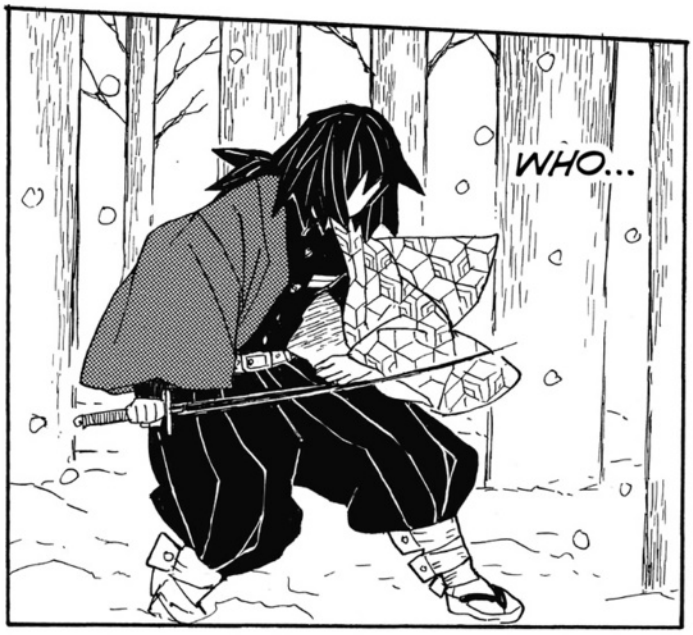
...HAPPENED TO MY WHOLE FAMILY.
WHILE I WAS SAFELY ASLEEP IN TOWN, SOMETHING HORRIBLE...

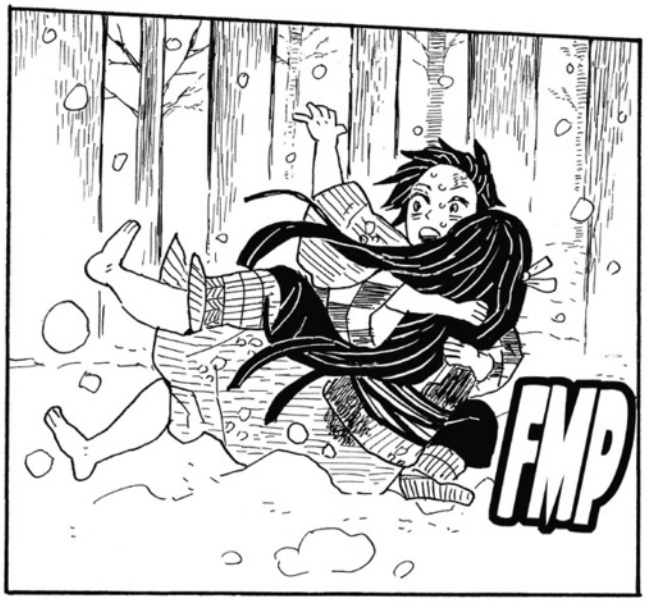
BUT SHE'S SO STRONG! I CAN'T PUSH HER AWAY!
NEZUKO!
KRK
I HAVE TO SAVE NEZUKO IF I CAN!
KRK
HOW THEY MUST HAVE SUFFERED.
...AND I WASN'T THERE TO HELP THEM.

BE STRONG!
YOU CAN DO IT!
DON'T TURN INTO A DEMON!
HOLD ON, NEZUKO!
FIGHT IT! FIGHT FOR YOUR LIFE!
PL IP
PL IP
NEZUKO!


!!
GRAB

FWSH
SNAP


WHO...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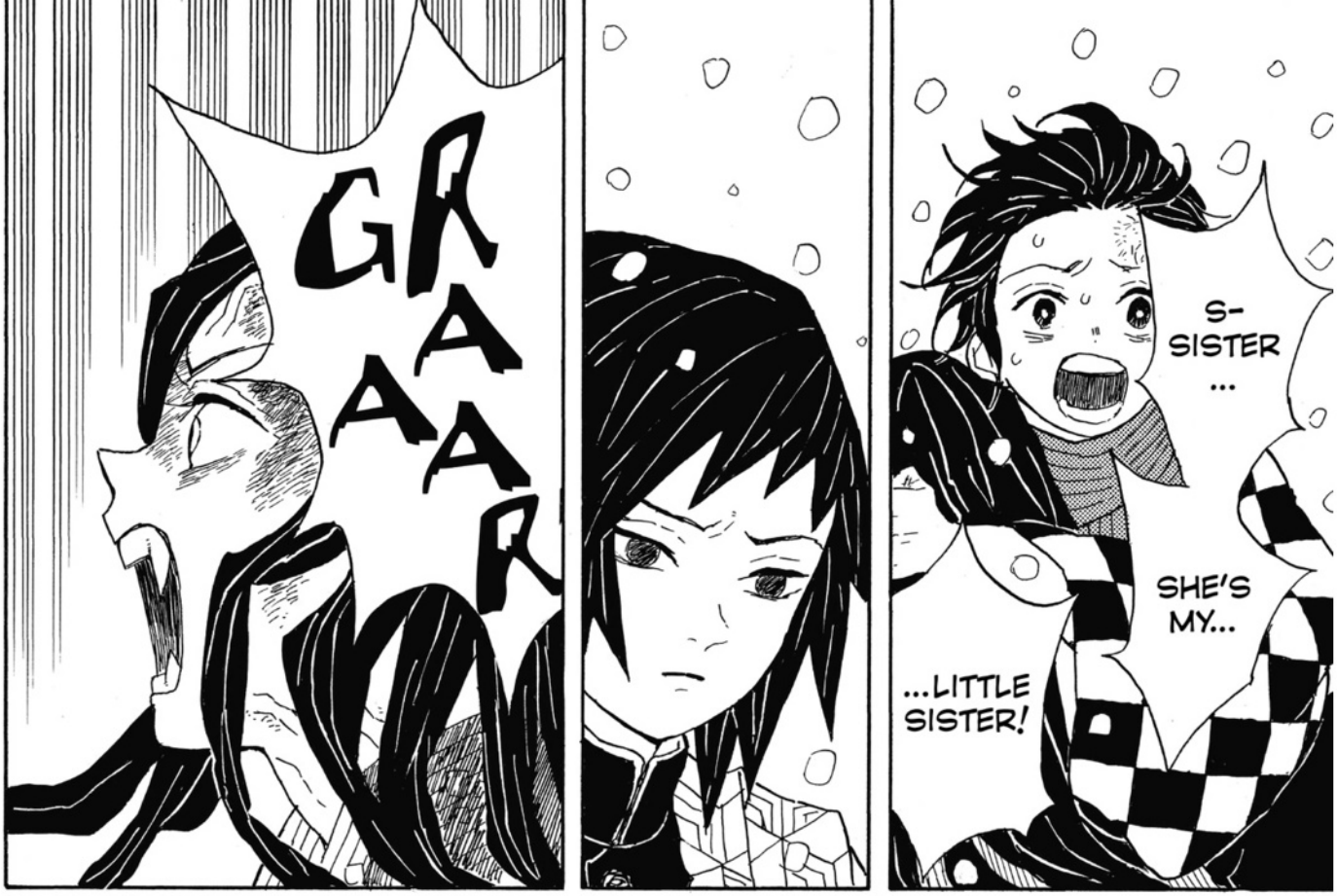
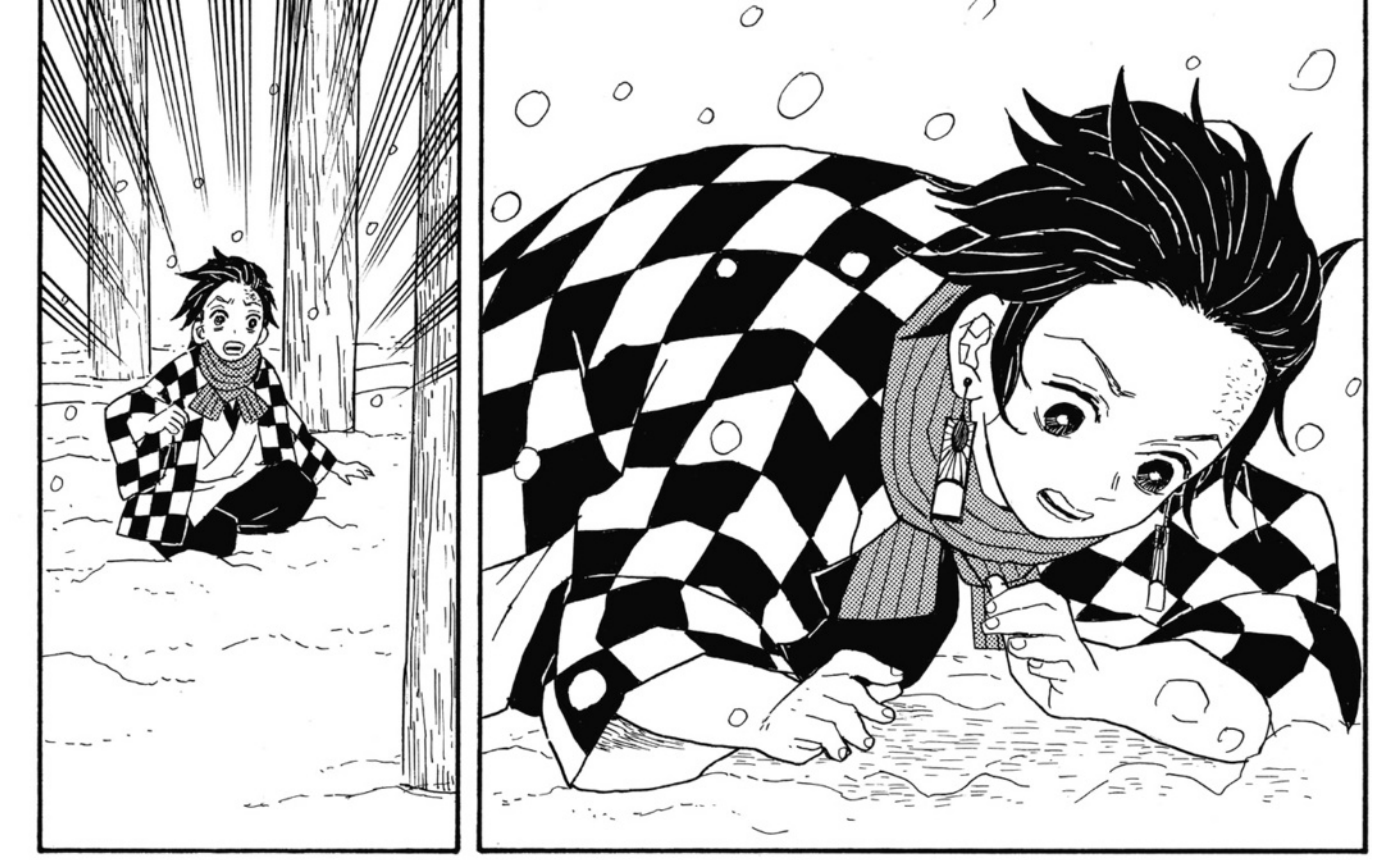
WHO IS THAT?

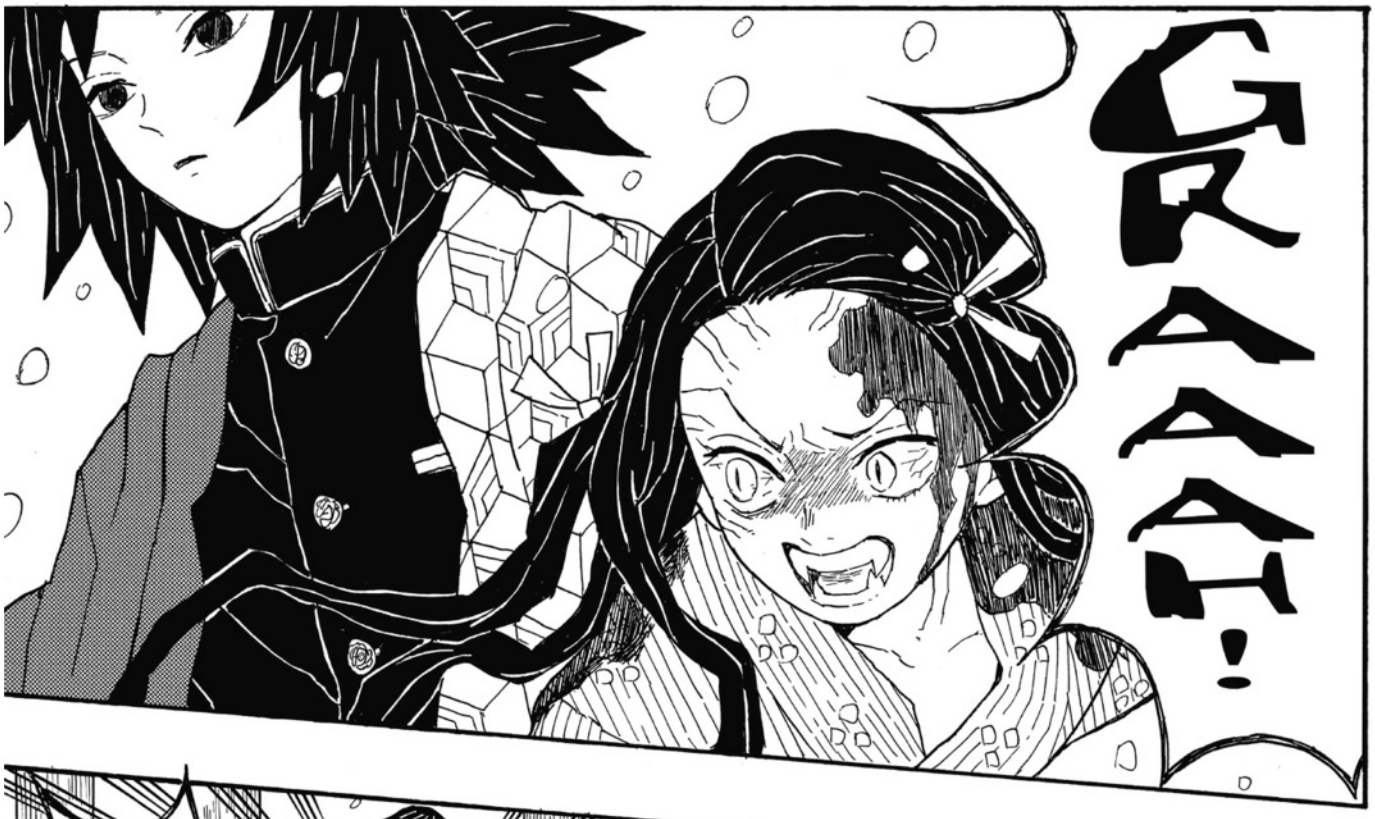
*AKKIMESSATSU, DESTROYER OF DEMONS
A KATANA...
WHY DO YOU PROTECT HER?


GRAAAR
S-SISTER...
SHE'S MY...
...LITTLE SISTER!

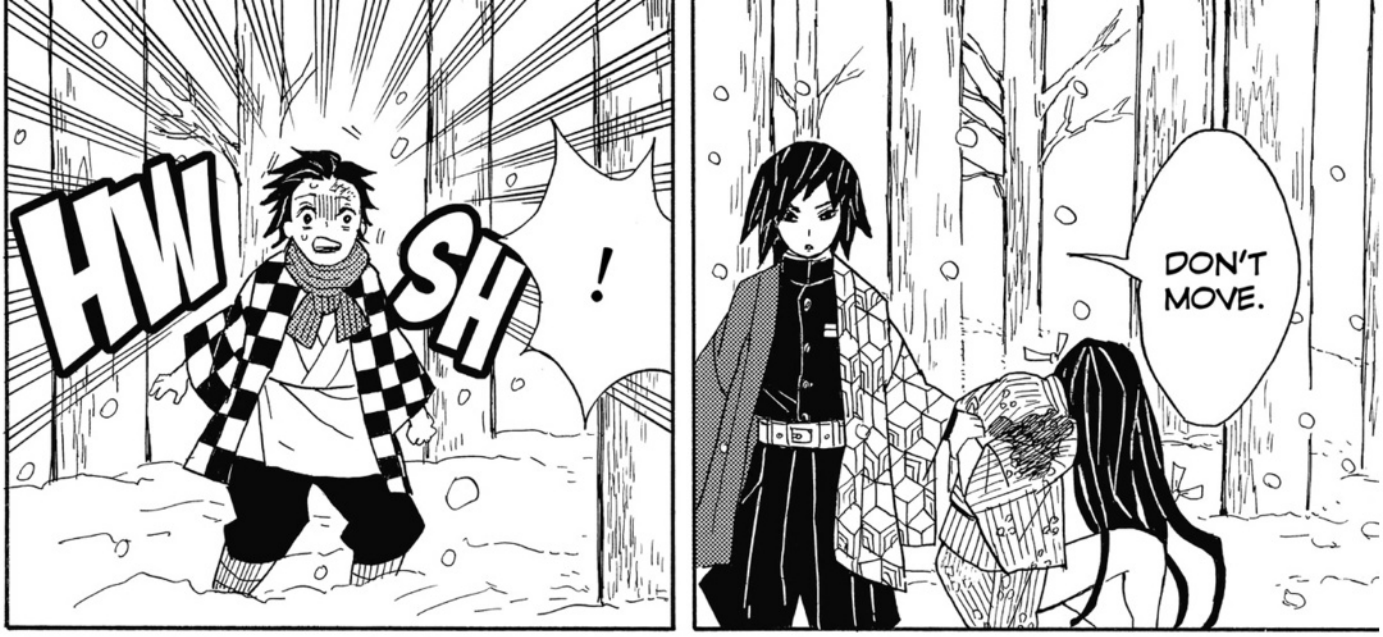
THAT IS YOUR LITTLE SISTER?
GRAAH
RAAGH

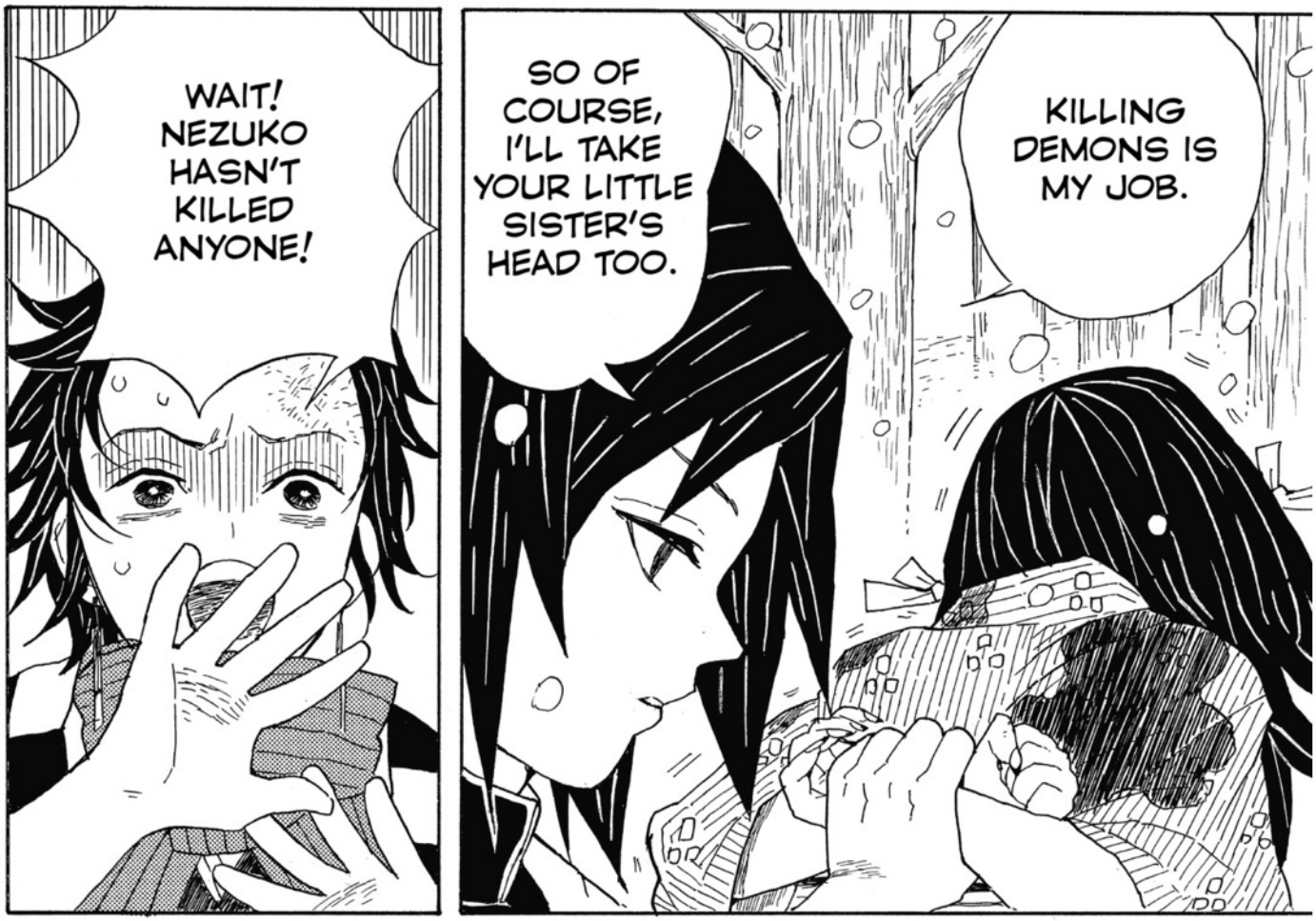
SLASH
DASH
...



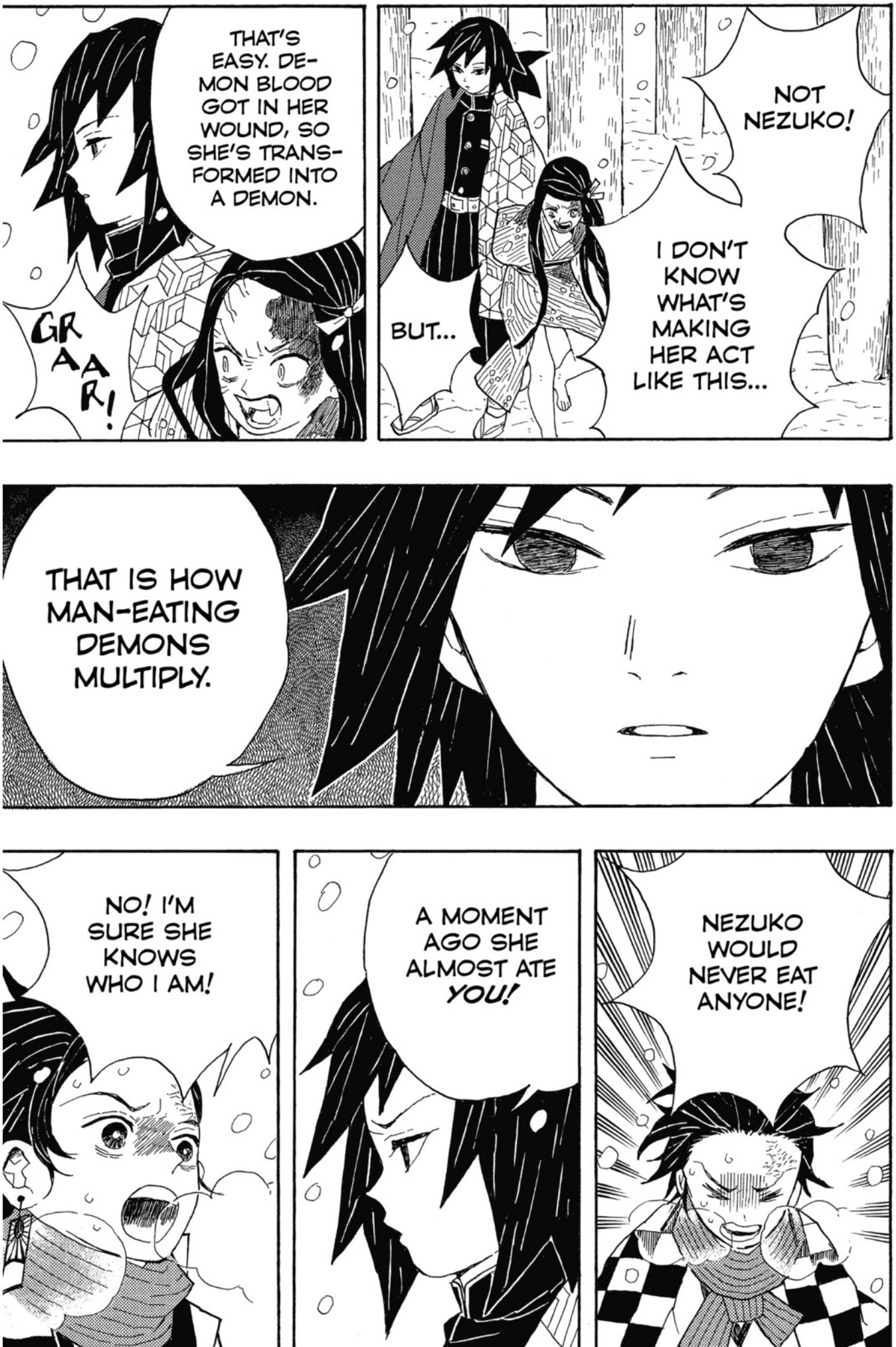

GRAAH!

NEZUKO!

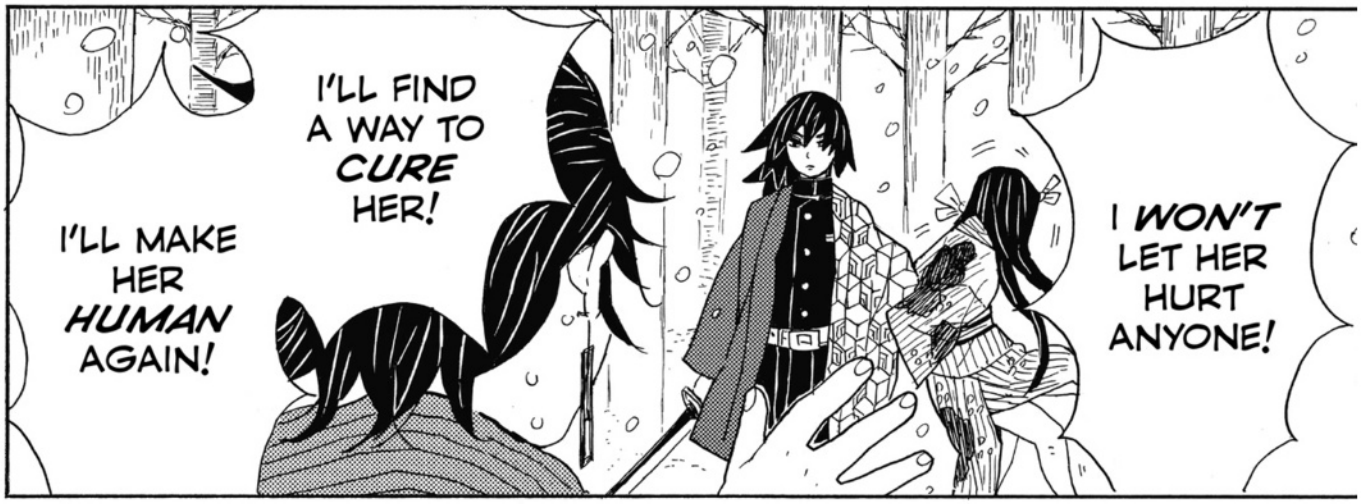

HW
SH
!
DON'T MOVE.


WAIT! NEZUKO HASN'T KILLED ANYONE!
SO OF COURSE, I'LL TAKE YOUR LITTLE SISTER'S HEAD TOO.
KILLING DEMONS IS MY JOB.

THAT MUST BE WHO KILLED EVERYONE!
...FROM SOMEONE I'VE NEVER SMELLED BEFORE!
THERE WAS A SCENT AT MY HOUSE...


THAT'S EASY. DEMON BLOOD GOT IN HER WOUND, SO SHE'S TRANSFORMED INTO A DEMON.
GRAAR!
NOT NEZUKO!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S MAKING HER ACT LIKE THIS...
BUT...
THAT IS HOW MAN-EATING DEMONS MULTIPLY.
NO! I'M SURE SHE KNOWS WHO I AM!
A MOMENT AGO SHE ALMOST ATE YOU!
NEZUKO WOULD NEVER EAT ANYONE!

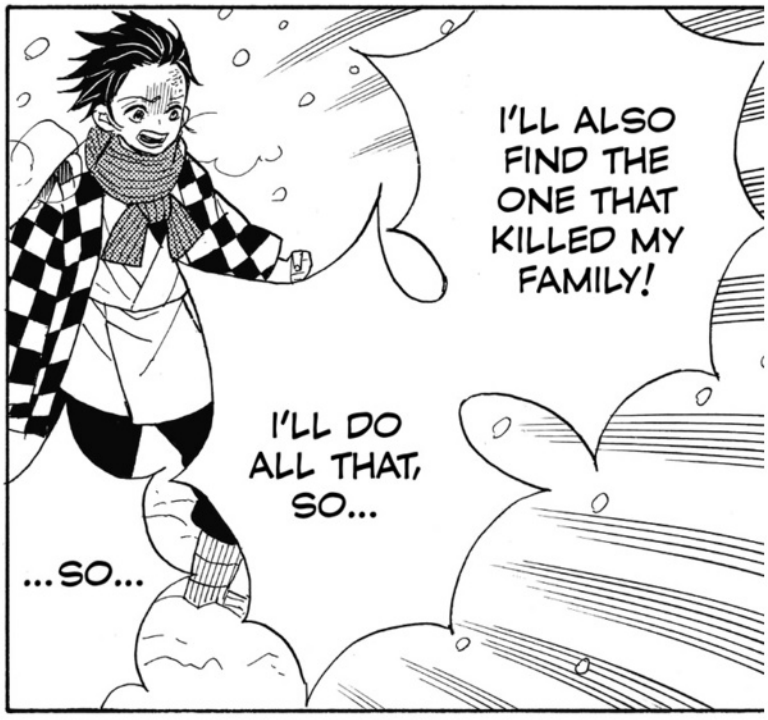
I CAN'T LOSE NEZUKO TOO!
STOP!
PLEASE, STOP.
PLEASE...
PLEASE DON'T KILL MY LITTLE SISTER!
PLEASE...


I'LL FIND A WAY TO CURE HER!
I'LL MAKE HER HUMAN AGAIN!
I WON'T LET HER HURT ANYONE!

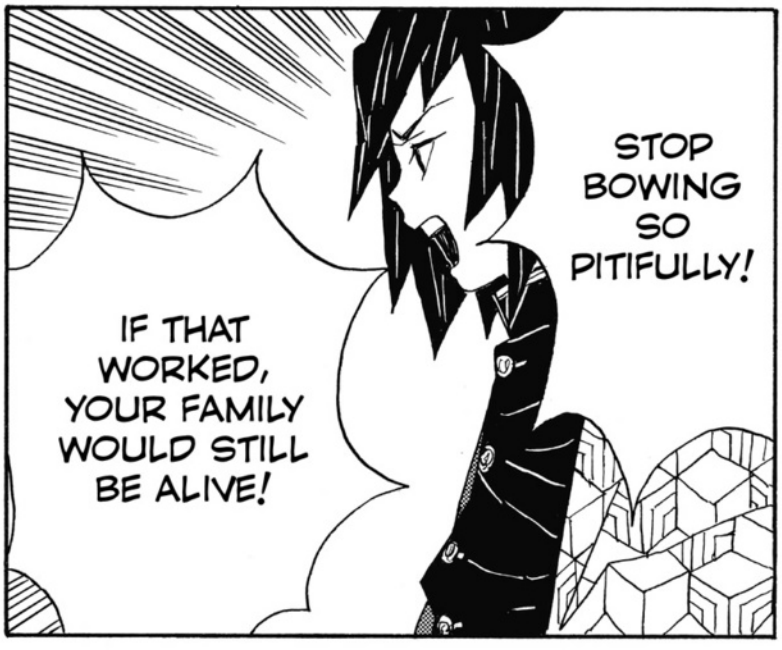
I'LL FIND A WAY! I SWEAR! PLEASE DON'T KILL HER!

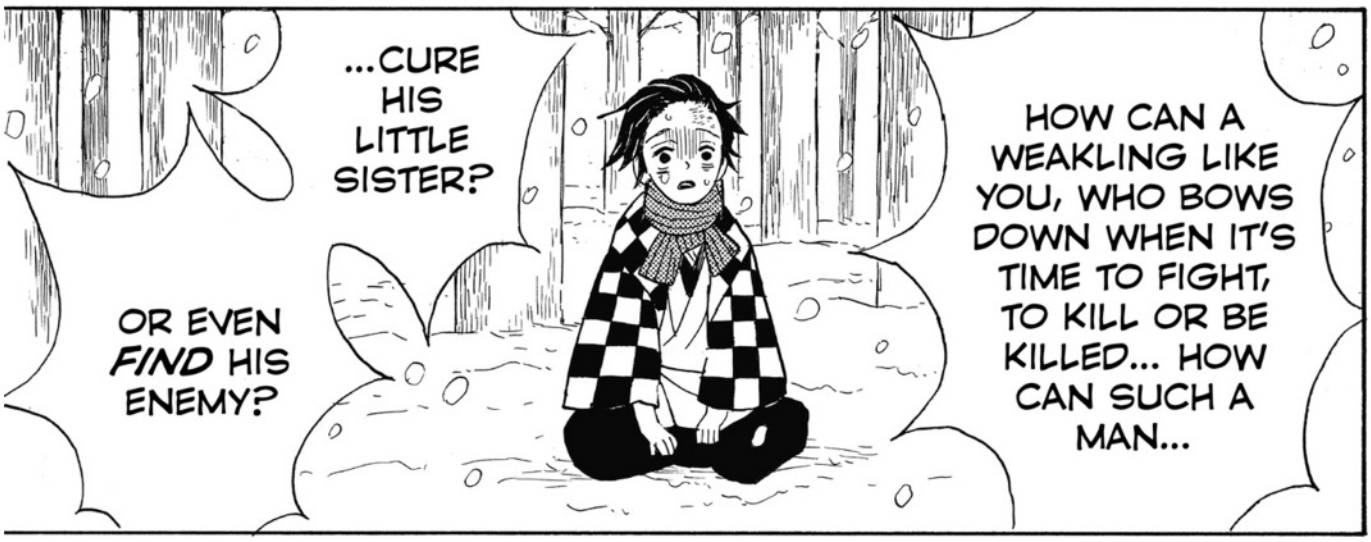
A HUMAN WHO BECOMES A DEMON CANNOT GO BACK.
SHE WON'T GET BETTER.

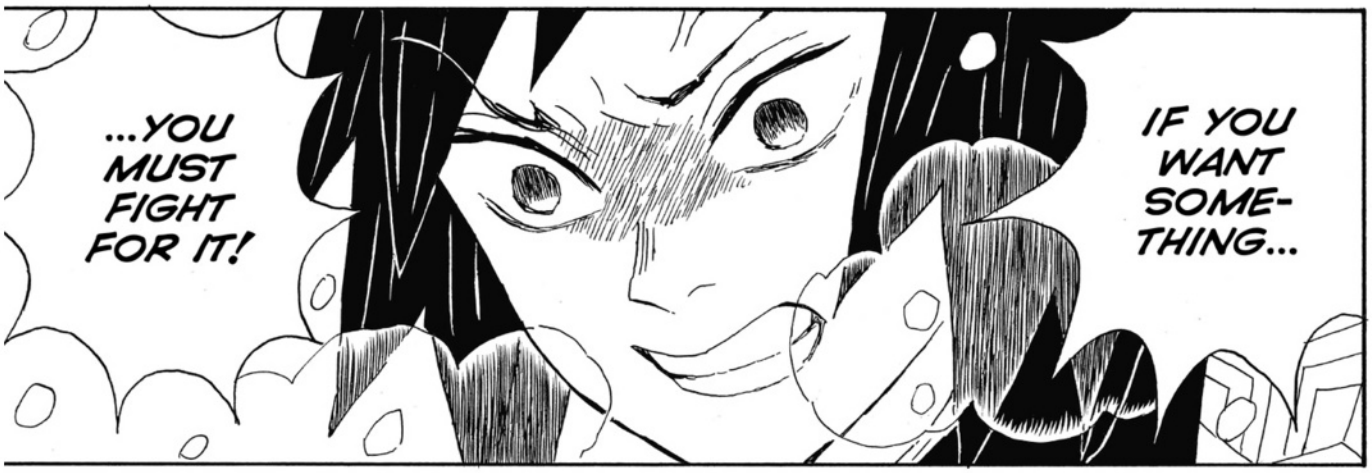
SHNNG
...SO...


I'LL ALSO FIND THE ONE THAT KILLED MY FAMILY!
I'LL DO ALL THAT, SO...
...SO...

NEVER LEAVE YOURSELF SO *DEFENSELESS* IN FRONT OF AN ENEMY!

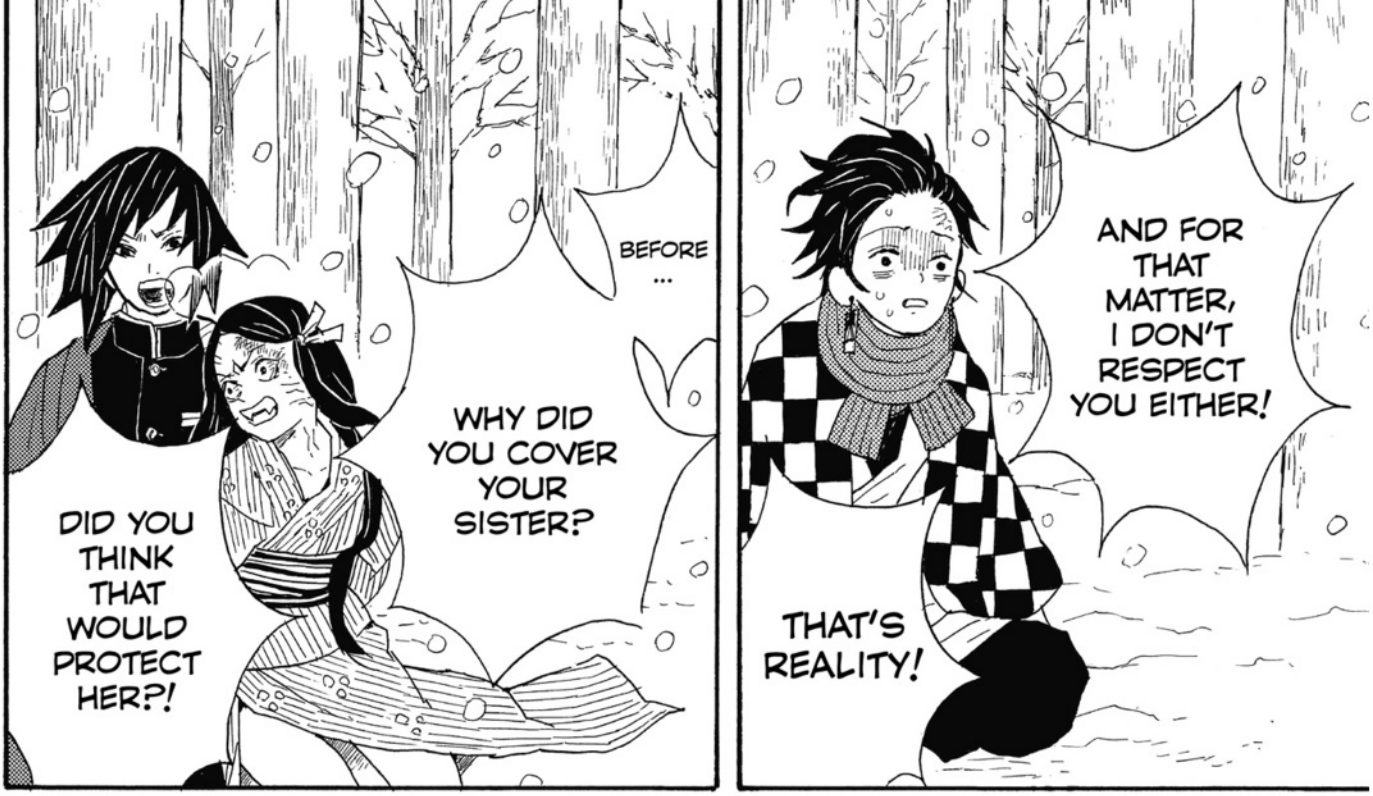

STOP BOWING SO PITIFULLY!
IF THAT WORKED, YOUR FAMILY WOULD STILL BE ALIVE!

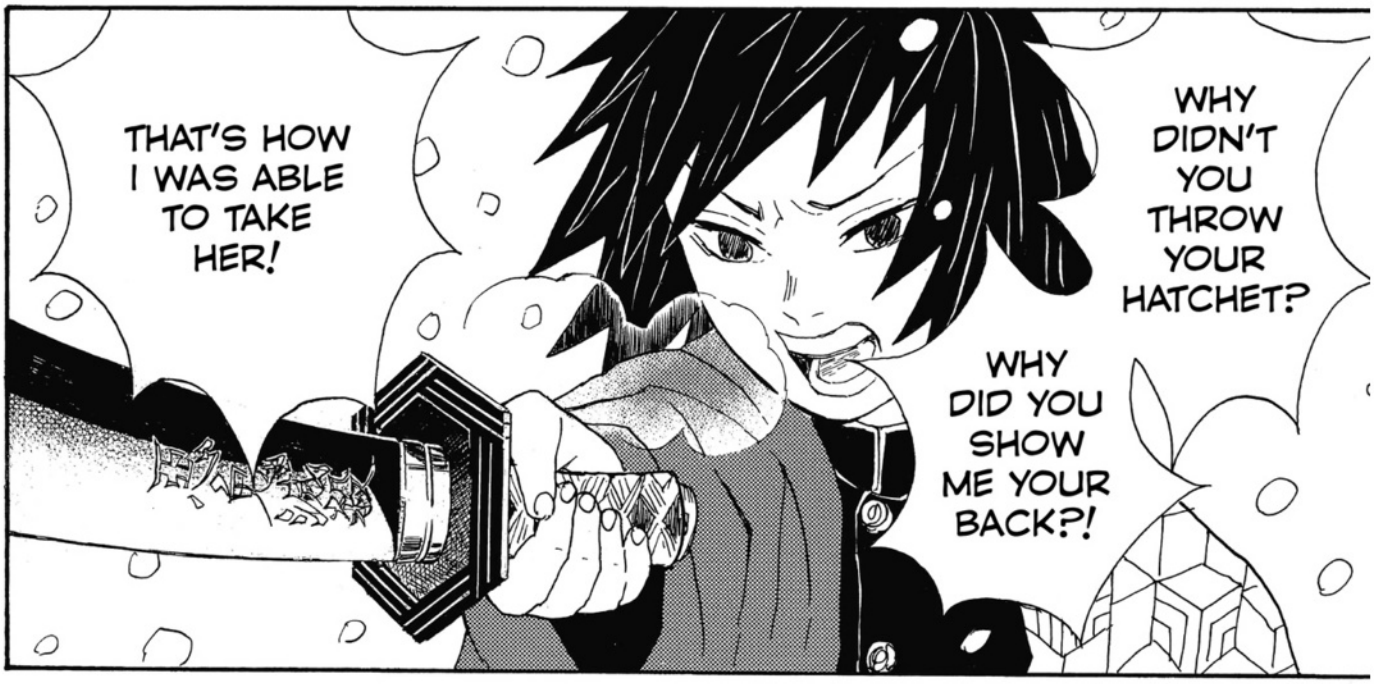

...CURE HIS LITTLE SISTER?
OR EVEN *FIND* HIS ENEMY?
HOW CAN A WEAKLING LIKE YOU, WHO BOWS DOWN WHEN IT'S TIME TO FIGHT, TO KILL OR BE KILLED... HOW CAN SUCH A MAN...

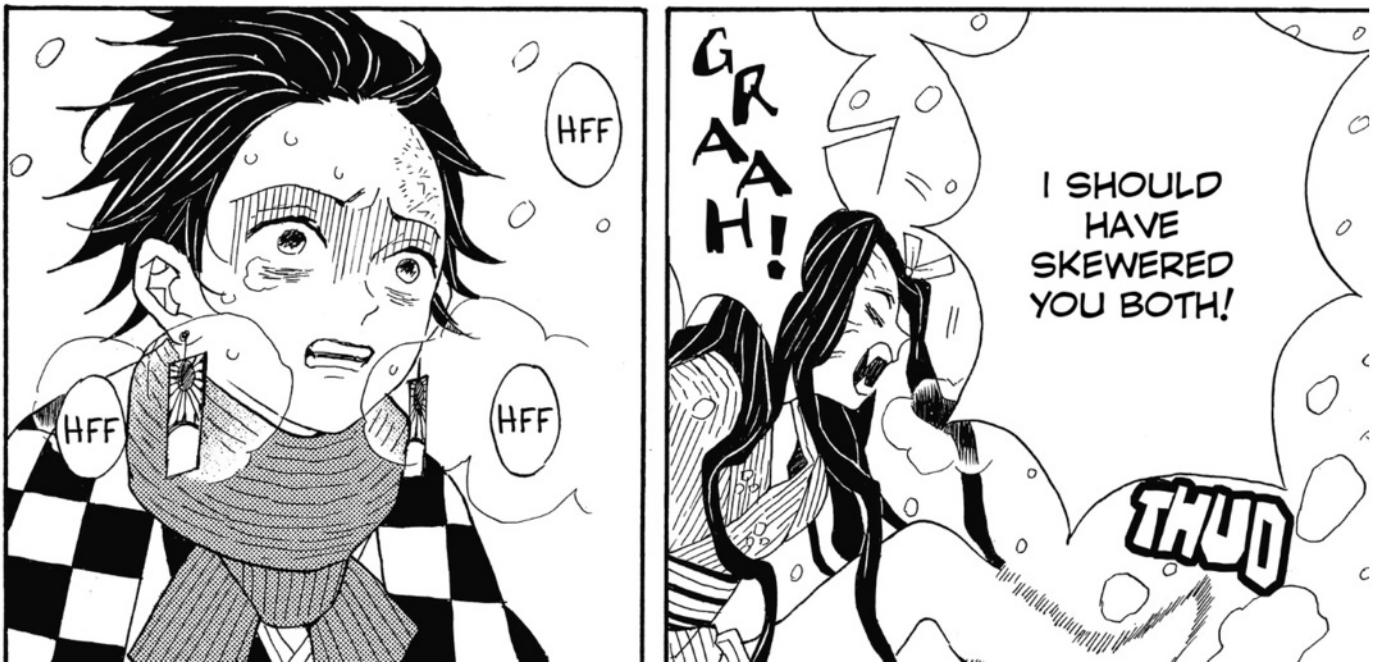

...YOU MUST FIGHT FOR IT!
IF YOU WANT SOME-THING...

DEMONS MIGHT KNOW HOW TO CURE YOUR LITTLE SISTER...
...NO DEMON WILL RESPECT YOUR WHINING AND BEGGING!
... BUT ...

THE MEEK HAVE NO POWER AND NO OPTIONS!
THE STRONG WILL CRUSH THEM IN EVERY WAY!


BEFORE ...
WHY DID YOU COVER YOUR SISTER?
DID YOU THINK THAT WOULD PROTECT HER?!
AND FOR THAT MATTER, I DON'T RESPECT YOU EITHER!
THAT'S REALITY!


THAT'S HOW I WAS ABLE TO TAKE HER!
WHY DIDN'T YOU THROW YOUR HATCHET?
WHY DID YOU SHOW ME YOUR BACK?!


HFF
HFF
HFF
GRAAH!
I SHOULD HAVE SKEWERED YOU BOTH!
THUD